

## **IC 20-4-7**

### **Chapter 7. Consolidation of School Corporations; Miscellaneous Provisions**

## **IC 20-4-7-1**

### **"Majority"**

Sec. 1. Whenever the term and word "majority" is used in connection with the provisions of any law providing for the submission to an electorate of the question of the consolidation of two (2) or more school corporations, in all laws enacted before March 13, 1959, concerning or pertaining to school consolidation and in particular IC 20-4-5 and IC 20-4-8, such terms shall mean and be interpreted as the greater number of votes cast and counted either for or against the proposition of consolidation. Any additions to the certificate of the votes cast, other than the number of votes cast for and against said proposition of consolidation, shall be considered as surplusage and of no effect, and the intention of IC 20-4-5 and of IC 20-4-8 shall be so interpreted.

*(Formerly: Acts 1959, c.367, s.1.) As amended by P.L.2-1988, SEC.492.*

## **IC 20-4-7-2**

### **Liberal construction of existing laws**

Sec. 2. All laws heretofore enacted pertaining to the consolidation of school corporations shall be liberally construed to effect the purpose for which they were enacted namely: better schools, ease of administration, and economy of operation.

*(Formerly: Acts 1959, c.367, s.2.)*

## **IC 20-4-7-3**

### **Quo warranto challenge to consolidate**

Sec. 3. In all instances where attempts are made, or have been made, to consolidate or join together school corporations under the provisions of IC 20-4-5 or IC 20-4-8, and where an election on the question of consolidation has been held and the certificate certifying the vote is filed as provided by law or where in the event no election is held the number of days allowed by such statutes for filing a petition for an election has expired, any action filed after March 13, 1959, to test or question the legality of the consolidated school corporation shall only be brought in an action of quo warranto in the name of the state of Indiana on information filed by the prosecuting attorney of the county wherein the principal office of such consolidated school corporation is located.

*(Formerly: Acts 1959, c.367, s.3.) As amended by P.L.2-1988, SEC.493.*

## **IC 20-4-7-4**

**"School corporation" defined; state policy**

Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section, "school corporation" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-4-1-3.

(b) It is the policy of the state that whenever a school corporation seeks to:

- (1) reorganize into a community school corporation under IC 20-4-1;
- (2) enter into a territorial annexation under IC 20-4-4 either as an acquiring school corporation or a losing school corporation (as defined in IC 20-4-4-1);
- (3) consolidate with another school corporation under IC 20-4-5;
- or
- (4) consolidate with another school corporation into one (1) metropolitan school district under IC 20-4-8;

the school corporation shall give consideration to the educational opportunities for students, local community interest, the effect on the community as a whole, and the economic interests of the community relative to establishing the boundaries of the school corporation that is involved in the school corporation reorganization, consolidation, or annexation attempt.

*As added by P.L.342-1989(ss), SEC.7.*